GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:360
ANSWERED ON:20.10.2008
SALARY AND ALLOWANCES TO DEFENCE PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the salary and allowances being paid to the Armed Forces Personnel, deployed in the border areas and facing hardships,are very low at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the low salaries and allowances are dampening the morale of the personnel;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to effect adequate hike in the pay and allowances of the Armed Forces Personnel, and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS

(a) TO

(d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 360 FOR ANSWER ON 20.10.2008

(a) to (e): Pay and allowances of Armed Forces have been determined by taking into account all aspects including hardships faced during their deployment in border areas.

The Armed Forces Personnel deployed in the border areas are being paid a number of allowances like Field Area Allowance, Highly Active Field Area Allowance, Modified Field Area Allowance, Siachen Allowance, Special Compensatory Counter Insurgency Allowance,High Altitude (Uncongenial Climate)Allowance, etc.

The Government has accepted the recommendations of VI Central Pay Commission to double all the above allowances and make them inflation proof with provisions for automatic revision whenever Dearness Allowance payable on revised Pay Bands goes up by 50%.

The Services had submitted a detailed representation to the Government bringing out certain issues arising out of the recommendations of the Sixth Central Pay Commission (CPC).The Government has decided on most of the issues.Subsequently, few more issues have been raised by the Services viz; grant of higher grade pay to Service officers,placement of Lt. Col. and equivalent in PB-4,reinstatement of pensionery weightages for Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR),providing HAG+ Pay Band for Lt. Generals and equivalent holding post of Principal Staff Officers,Director Generals,Controllers,etc.

The Government have decided that the Minister of External Affairs will look into the issues raised by the Services and give recommendations,in consultation with the Defence Minister and the Finance Minister.